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\$30.8 million given in '88 Annie Armstrong offering

ATLANTA (BP) — Catch-up contributions in November and December pushed total Southern Baptist gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions to \$30.8 million at the end of 1988.

Even though the \$30,854,398 was a record for the offering, total gifts fell short of the \$37.5 million goal for 1988 and did not keep pace with a 4.5 percent inflation rate, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis noted.

The \$30.8 million is an increase of \$611,192, or 2.02 percent, over the \$30.2

million given through the offering in 1987.

When final 1988 figures were tabulated, the 2 percent increase ranked the third-lowest in the last 25 years. Offering gifts decreased in 1970, and increased only 1.37 percent in 1967.

During the past 15 years, gifts through the special offering have increased an average of 11.3 percent each year, or 5.15 percent when adjusted for inflation, Lewis said. The annual offering for home missions has not reached its goal since 1981.

Foreign Board appoints first missionary to deaf

By Eric Miller

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Being first sometimes means giving up something. Mississippian Janet Mayhall gave up her determination to get married and became the first Southern Baptist career foreign missionary appointed to work with the deaf.

She didn't plan it that way, but that's the way it worked out when Mayhall was appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in December to go to Colombia.

A missionary couple in Venezuela, David and Jerry Browder, now are working full time with the deaf, but when they were appointed in 1983, they were assigned to mission business services in that country. Several other missionaries participate in various deaf ministries. But Mayhall is the first career missionary appointed specifically to work with the deaf.

"All my life, I grew up thinking, 'I'll get married and have a family,'" says Mayhall, of Magee, Miss.

For years, however, God has been tugging at her heart to be a missionary, she explains. But she kept saying no to God and waiting for a husband, believing she would not find a mate on the mission field.

While attending seminary, Mayhall sometimes walked across campus intending to meet with visiting Foreign Mission Board missionary enlistment representatives. But each time she turned back. She knew she would say no when asked: "Are you satisfied with being single?"

Eventually "I met the man of my dreams," Mayhall relates. He was a pastor. "I enjoyed being with him, and I was ready to get married. But I still had missions in the back of my mind,



Janet Mayhall

and I really didn't see any way that that could occur if I married him." The relationship ended after a few months.

Mayhall finally committed herself to missions at a Christian singles' conference during a worship service invitation. The invitation hymn was "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus."

"I went up on the second verse, which says, 'Though none go with me, I still will follow,'" she recalls. "That meant a lot to me because I was telling God that I would follow him first and then accept whatever or whomever he brings into my life."

Mayhall is taking to the mission field an unusual capacity to understand people of another culture, says

Betty Law, FMB associate director for Spanish South America. The daughter of retired missionaries David and Ollie Mayhall of Magee, she grew up in Nigeria. She also worked as a missionary journeyman in Brazil.

The deaf are "a separate cultural group," Law explains. "I think her ability to understand other cultures will be an asset to her in entering both the Spanish culture of Colombia and the deaf culture in Barranquilla and throughout Colombia."

After working as a journeyman, Mayhall earned a master's degree in speech and hearing science at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and taught deaf students at a county school in Tifton, Ga.

Later she taught brain-damaged babies and children in Arlington, Texas. Before missionary appointment, she was a missions education consultant and minister with Deaf Opportunity Outreach in Houston, an organization that starts churches for the deaf. She also was a staff member at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church in Houston.

Mayhall will have to learn not only Spanish, but also Colombian sign language. "I don't think there will be any classes in sign language. It's going to have to come from deaf people themselves," she says. "I've got to get into the deaf culture and find some deaf people to learn from, which is the best thing anyway. I'm just going to have to trust the Lord."

The desire to be married has not gone away, Mayhall admits. But one doesn't have to get married "to become a complete person," she adds. "Obeying God is my primary responsibility."

Eric Miller writes for the FMB.

Researcher projects SBC baptisms to rise 2.8 percent for 1988

By Joe Westbury

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Southern Baptist baptisms for 1988 will increase slightly, if projections by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board are on target.

The year-end forecast predicts baptisms will increase 2.8 percent over 1987 baptisms, to 348,000 conversions to faith in Christ.

The projections continue the denomination's roller coaster ride for baptisms into the latter half of the decade. Baptisms ended a five-year decline in 1985, were up in 1986, and down in 1987.

The projections are based on information supplied by the evangelism directors. The 2.8 percent increase

will result in a gain of about 9,700 baptisms from the 338,495 posted in 1987, said Gordon Lawrence, associate director for the HMB program research department.

Between 1972 and 1987, the number of youth age 12 to 17 declined 3.3 percent, but baptisms plummeted more than twice that amount, 7.1 percent.

"We cannot blame our overall drop in baptisms to a lack of youth; we're simply not reaching youth now as we did previously," he warned.

Baptisms for that age group dropped from 297,437 in 1972 to 183,789 last year. However, adult baptisms hold steady and continue at 154,706, he explained.

Southern Baptists have not baptized more than 400,000 individuals since 1980, when 429,742 baptisms were recorded. The denomination's highest number of baptisms was 445,725, recorded in 1972.

Carlos McLeod, evangelism director for Texas Baptists, said any sustained increase "will not come as a result of Southern Baptists doing business as usual."

"You won't win the nation to Jesus at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning. We must take Christ to the people who need to hear the gospel message," he said.

Joe Westbury writes for the HMB.



Pray that they may believe

Southern Baptists across America have been asked to set aside the week of March 5-11 as a week of earnest prayer for home missions. Woman's Missionary Union leaders have suggested that children and adults alike take time each day, both at church and at home to intercede on behalf of Southern Baptists' 3,841 home missionaries and the 167 million Americans who do not know Jesus Christ. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is taken during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, which provides nearly half of the budget of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. This year's goal is \$39 million. (HMB photo by Richard Shock)

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES
Historical Commission, SBC

Committee to propose new religious liberty agency

By Dan Martin

DALLAS (BP) — Creation of a new Southern Baptist Convention agency to represent the convention in Washington, D.C., will be recommended to the SBC Executive Committee when it meets Feb. 20-22.

The decision to recommend formation of the Religious Liberty Commission was announced following a Jan. 5-6 meeting of a seven-member committee appointed to study "alternatives" to the relationship between the SBC and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a religious liberty coalition of nine Baptist denominations in the United States and Canada.

Since its formation in 1939, the BJCPA has been the SBC's spokesman on First Amendment issues, including church-state separation and religious liberty. The program statement governing SBC participation notes the SBC recognizes the BJCPA "as the sole office in the Washington area through which it maintains contact with the federal government."

In recommending creation of the new commission, the study committee also recommended steps to alter but not terminate the relationship between the BJCPA and the SBC, including reducing SBC funding and changing the way in which those funds are made available.

In recent years, the SBC has directly provided about \$400,000 per year to the BJCPA, representing about 90 percent of member contributions to the organization's budget. The total 1988-1989 budget of the BJCPA is \$670,072. The proposed 1989-90 budget is \$729,772.

The study committee recommended 1989-90 funding be reduced but did not specify an amount. The study committee also voted to communicate to the budgeting group that funds are needed both by the SBC Christian Life Commission for an office in Washington and by the SBC Public Affairs Committee, the 18-member standing committee through which the SBC relates to the BJCPA.

A third "communication" explains funding can be reduced because "the expenses of the Washington bureau of Baptist Press will no longer fall under the purview of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs."

Baptist Press, the SBC's news service, has five bureaus, including the one at the BJCPA.

The relationship between the BJCPA and the SBC has been controversial in recent years, and several attempts have been made to either defund the BJCPA or sever all ties between the groups.

Critics say the SBC should not fund that which it does not control through election of a majority of trustees. The members of the SBC Public Affairs Committee are the SBC representatives on the 54-member BJCPA board.

Critics also have charged the organization has adopted positions

contrary to SBC resolutions and is not responsive nor accountable to the SBC.

Executive Director James M. Dunn also has been criticized for his style of operation.

Although the recommendation to create the Religious Liberty Commission, if adopted, would provide an exclusive Southern Baptist First Amendment presence in Washington, the study committee specified it wishes to maintain a continuing relationship with the BJCPA, cooperating "on those issues on which we can agree."

The recommendation, however, would change the way the BJCPA receives Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget funds. Currently, the organization — although not officially an SBC entity — is funded directly, the same as all boards, institutions, and commissions.

The change would put funding in the SBC operating budget, which is administered by the Executive Committee and includes expenses for the Executive Committee, the annual meeting, the Baptist World Alliance contribution and all standing committees, which are not legal entities and cannot receive direct funding.

The recommendation will be presented to the Executive Committee's business and finance subcommittee during its February meeting. If it is approved there, it will be recommended to the entire Executive Committee.

If the Executive Committee agrees to the creation of the new agency, the action will be recommended to messengers at the 1989 annual meeting of the SBC in Las Vegas, Nev., and to the 1990 annual meeting in New Orleans.

According to SBC Bylaw 15, creation of new agencies must be approved by simple majority vote in two consecutive annual meetings.

Other bylaw changes necessitated by the creation of a new agency must be approved only once, but by two-thirds majority votes. Such votes likely would come in the 1990 annual meeting.

If the recommendation to create the Religious Liberty Commission is approved in both annual meetings, it would be the first new agency created since 1960, when the Stewardship Commission was voted into being.

The SBC has 20 national entities, including the Executive Committee, four general boards, seven institutions, seven commissions, and one auxiliary.

The seven-member study committee was appointed after the September meeting of the Executive Committee and is the third special committee assigned to study the program of or funding for the BJCPA and its relationship with the SBC.

The action that precipitated the newest study was a 10-2 vote in the business and financial plan workgroup concluding that it is "inappropriate to contribute Cooperative

Program funds directly to any entity which is not controlled by trustees elected by" the SBC.

The study committee was created as a compromise after convention attorney James P. Guenther of Nashville told business and finance subcommittee members they did not have authority to override action taken at an annual meeting. In the 1988 annual meeting, messengers approved a CP allocation budget that included a line item directly funding the BJCPA.

The controversy first erupted in 1984, when messengers debated funding for the BJCPA and then narrowly turned down a vote on the matter in a parliamentary procedure.

It arose again in 1986, when a messenger moved to sever all ties with the BJCPA and establish an exclusively Southern Baptist presence in the nation's capital. The motion caused appointment of a committee to study the relationship between the BJCPA and SBC.

That study, done in 1986-87, opted to continue to relate to the BJCPA, but restructured the PAC. It also recommended the PAC continue to participate on the BJCPA, but authorized it to function separately in the interests of the convention on issues where the BJCPA did not act.

The second study, in 1987-88, appointed after a dispute on whether funding should be made directly to the BJCPA or be routed through the PAC, recommended direct funding continue.

In October 1987, at its first meeting in conjunction with the BJCPA, the PAC voted 8-4 to sever all ties with the BJCPA and in December 1987 discussed a merger with the Christian Life Commission.

The Executive Committee, in February 1988, declined to sever ties and instructed the PAC to try to work with the BJCPA. CLC trustees later declined to further consider the possibility of a merger with the PAC.

Also, in 1988, the Cooperative Program allocation for the joint committee was reduced from \$448,400 to \$400,000.

The most recent study committee was appointed by David Hankins, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Lake Charles, La., and chairman of the business and finance subcommittee. Hankins, as well as Charles Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, Tenn., and chairman of the Executive Committee, served on the study committee as voting members.

Chairman of the special committee is James Roach, an Albuquerque, N.M., attorney. Members are Paul Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge; Frank Ingraham, a Nashville attorney; Sam Pace, director of associational missions in Lawton, Okla.; and Doyle Collins, pastor of Vine Street Baptist Church in Roseburg, Ore.

Dan Martin is BP news editor.

Black churches find resources in Southern Baptist Convention

By Frank Wm. White

NASHVILLE (BP) — While leaders of black Baptist churches are attracted to the Southern Baptist Convention because of the diversity of resources, they also are finding an openness for inclusion, according to Sid Smith.

Smith, manager of the black church development section at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said black churches represent the denomination's fastest growing group with approximately 1,200 churches including about 200,000 members, up from about 1,000 churches in 1965.

Smith estimates that at least another 50,000 blacks are members of perhaps 3,000 predominantly white churches for a convention black membership total of well over 250,000.

Convention agencies such as the Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, and Foreign Mission Board have staff components dealing with ministries in black churches. Several state conventions also have staff personnel assigned specifically to work with black churches.

Richard Brogan is the staffer with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board with that assignment. Smith said blacks have been elected presidents of state conventions seven times since 1970 and have held numerous other state convention and SBC elected and appointed positions.

At the SBC Christian Life Commission, race relations was one of the first topics addressed by Richard Land when he was elected executive director in September 1983. Land said he began planning a race relations conference on the first day after he was named to head the agency.

Supporting a claim that the SBC is the nation's most ethnically diverse denomination, Smith cited a study by

the United Methodist Reporter, a weekly newspaper based in Dallas, and distributed nationally.

Reporter Managing Editor John Loveless said the 1965 study revealed that "Southern Baptists were doing far more active work than Methodists" in ethnic and minority church development. He cited specifically the work of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board has been involved in work with black churches since the convention was organized in 1845, according to Emmanuel McCall, director of the black church relations department. What was then an evangelism effort to reach slaves now is an inclusive work with 327 blacks among the board's 3,700 missionaries and a black church relations department.

The department serves as a broker for other board departments to help adapt programs for black churches, McCall said.

At the Foreign Mission Board, five blacks currently are career missionaries while three are Journeyman, a two-year missions program.

About 125 blacks participated in short-term volunteer projects during 1988, and that number likely will increase in 1989, according to Victor Davis, director of black church relations at the Foreign Mission Board.

Jay Wells will be special projects coordinator when he begins work at the board Jan. 2, 1989.

Wells has been a black church ministries consultant for the California Southern Baptist Convention since April 1987.

Frank Wm. White writes for the Sunday School Board.

Religious leader group to honor Jerry Clower

JACKSON, MS — A nationally prominent Jewish Rabbi is to be the featured speaker and a well-known Mississippi country humorist is to be honored at the annual banquet of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference Jan. 30. A. James Rudin, National Interreligious Affairs Director for the American Jewish Committee, will speak at the gathering, and Jerry Clower will receive the "Founders' Memorial Award."

The banquet will be held Jan. 30 at a 7 p.m., at the Home Builders Association of Jackson, 6531 Dogwood Park — Parkway (off I-220, Watkins Drive exit), Jackson.

Rudin, in his position with the American Jewish Committee, works with all religious groups to secure greater understanding of Jews and Judaism, and to promote good human relations among people of all races and creeds. He has served as Rabbi in Champaign, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo., and as an Air Force Chaplain in Japan and Korea.

Clower is a native of Amite County,

and a long-time resident of Yazoo City. He is a Grand Ole Opry star and country humorist, and draws on his experiences growing up in rural Mississippi for many of the delightful stories he uses to entertain audiences all over the world.

Mr. Clower's receiving the Founders' Award is "for significant interfaith contributions to denomination, community and state."

The banquet is open for any who wish to attend. Tickets are \$15 each, and registration by Jan. 26 is requested. For ticket information, persons may contact Beth Israel Congregation, Northminster Baptist Church, St. Andrew's Bookstore, Central United Methodist Church or Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, all in Jackson. Or, reservations may be made by contacting the office of Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference, Woodland Hills Building, Suite 260, 3000 Old Canton Road, Jackson, MS 39216, telephone (601) 981-6752.

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'Nonresidential missionary': way to reach hard places

By Erich Bridges

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Christian missionaries may never gain permission to live in some places, mission agencies acknowledge, and an average of three additional countries are shutting their doors to missionaries each year.

One potential answer to the problem is appointment of "nonresidential missionaries," a new breed of mission workers now being assigned by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and other agencies to help evangelize unreached people groups from bases in separate countries, or even separate continents.

"Nonresidential missionary" sounds contradictory. But many of the estimated 1.3 billion unevangelized people in the world live in places where missionary residence is either impossible, ineffective or counterproductive.

At least 45 countries are "closed" entirely, mission strategists report, and more than 50 others are significantly restricted. Yet borders — political, geographical or social — need not impede the progress of the gospel, they insist.

"We've got to look at alternative means," says David Garrison, who recently was named to coordinate the Foreign Mission Board's nonresiden-

tial missions program. "The world situation demands a nonresidential approach."

In their rhetoric, Christians bent on world evangelization refuse to accept a closed border as a barrier to missions. "But in a sense we do accept it because we let that reality dictate where we do missions," Garrison contends. "When a country closes its doors and tells all missionaries to get out, we simply stop going there. But what we're talking about now is a quantum leap forward. Whether these peoples are in closed countries or not is irrelevant. What matters is that God has called us to do it, and he hasn't just called us to places where it is convenient for us to live."

Enter the nonresidential missionary. He is not an itinerant missionary who frequently travels in and out of a restricted area, Garrison explains.

Nor is he a "tentmaker" who gains limited entrance to the restricted area by working in a secular profession. He is a full-time professional career missionary, assigned exclusively to a single unreached people group in a restricted city, region, or country — but based in another location.

To understand his task, suppose the target people group is a large but isolated ethnic minority living in a

country off-limits to missionaries. The people group has a population of several million, but virtually no Christian churches, few native believers, and little Christian literature. A Bible in the group's language exists but cannot be published or distributed legally.

The government is hostile toward religion, domestic or foreign. Despite its size, these people have attracted little attention from world Christians because of its isolation. No mission agency has beamed broadcasts in its language across the host nation's closed borders. A few foreign Christians have toured the country, taught in its universities, or engaged in its business. But they have had minimal contact with the target group, which lives far from the national capital and other major cities.

As envisioned by Foreign Mission Board researchers and strategists, a nonresidential missionary assigned to these people would do the following:

- Live outside the group's host country in a major city with a free flow of information and international communication technologies, particularly computers with worldwide networking capability. Access to information and the means to receive and transmit it are essential to the nonresidential missionary's task —

more essential than extensive personal contact with the people group itself. Others he assists will carry out much of the actual evangelizing.

- Research all aspects of the group's society, including its cultural and religious situation, by studying everything written on the subject, monitoring information emerging from the host country, interviewing expatriate members of the group and so on. Mastering the group's language is a must. At the same time, the nonresidential missionary will search out all the Christian resources, methods of outreach, and personnel that potentially could be directed toward the evangelization of the group.

- Tailor a comprehensive strategy for evangelizing the group, including multiple options for outreach. Those options might include Christian broadcasts; literature; evangelization and training of expatriates in other countries who may return to their homeland; selective use of tentmakers in education, health care, social service, relief, and development — in short, whatever may be effective evangelistically in the group's environment.

- Network — both directly and through the Foreign Mission Board's

computerized World Evangelization Database — with Southern Baptists and other Christians worldwide who are committed to the Great Commission, Christ's command to carry the gospel message to all people.

The true potential of the nonresidential approach, according to Garrison, lies in the way it can multiply evangelization. The nonresidential missionary is not a solitary personal witness, but an "agent of evangelization." Working outside the target group, he can coordinate the efforts of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others who will have a cumulative impact by their sheer number. He becomes a funnel for the wealth of evangelistic resources that have been going into the same places again and again and channels them into areas that previously had no evangelistic witness at all.

"As far as we know, it has never been tried before," says Garrison.

"Fifty years ago, this kind of an approach would have been impossible, simply because of the slowness of communications."

The Foreign Mission Board already has assigned five nonresidential missionary couples. It aims to add 25 more by the end of 1989.

Erich Bridges writes for the FMB.

"Feb. 6 is cut-off date to nominate," says Dobbs

The cut-off date for recommendations for executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has been established as Feb. 6, according to Eugene Dobbs, chairman of the search committee.

That means that all recommendations are to be in by Feb. 6, and hence should probably be mailed no later than Feb. 3.

Dobbs, pastor of First Church, Philadelphia, is chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Executive Committee, which, by board policy, is the search committee.

Earl Kelly, executive director-treasurer for the past 14 years, has announced his retirement as of Aug. 15.

Dobbs said that a written recommendation may be given to any member of the search committee, and it will be considered. His address is Box 299, Philadelphia, Miss. 39350.

Other members of the search committee are Robert Calvert, Ashland; Charles Nestor, Bruce; Ed Holmes, Gulfport; Martin Hayden, Fulton; Ingram Foster, Prentiss; David Sellers, Collinsville; Larry Otis, Tupelo; Keith Gordon, Columbia; P. J. Scott, Olive Branch; Bill Duncan, Booneville; Lannie Wilbourn, Brandon; W. W. Walley, Waynesboro; Bartis Harper, Tylertown; Rex Yancey, Quitman; and Donald O'Quin, Charleston. Jim Futral, Mississippi Baptist Convention president, is an ex officio member.



Groundbreakers pose with shovels as they dedicate the beginning of a new ministry to truckers and other travelers at a major truck stop off of I-20 in Jackson County.

Jackson County reaches out to highway nomads

By Tim Nicholas

Something is happening out behind a certain truck stop on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

At J.J.'s Truck Stop in Jackson County at I-10 and Highway 63, local Baptists are reaching out to highway nomads with a new ministry.

The ministry will be housed on a small plot of ground behind J.J.'s in a truck stop chapel, for which groundbreaking was held Dec. 18.

The 15,000-square foot lot was purchased by the First Baptist churches of Escatawpa, Pascagoula, and Moss Point. The chapel will be erected by volunteer labor and will offer short devotionals to truckers and a few highway supplies. It will be a ministry

of Jackson County Baptist Association.

The truck stop is a busy one, according to estimates of between 40 and 125 people on the property at one time with 30 to 50 rigs coming and going at the 24-hour facility.

According to Bob Storie, director of ministries for Jackson County Baptists, the weekday devotionals at the chapel will be offered three times a day and will be geared to truckers' making short stopovers. Sundays, there will be longer services and volunteers will lead a Bible study.

Supplies will consist of such as

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Life-changing experiences asked for Gulfshore wing dedication

Dedication date for the new wing at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, has been set for May 12 and 13, according to Earl Kelly, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mississippi Baptists are being invited to submit testimonies of the impact of Gulfshore on their lives, Kelly said. The testimonies chosen could become a part of a drama telling the story of Gulfshore that will be staged during the dedication observance. Of particular interest would be those testimonies that would detail experiences from before the destruction of the facility during Hurricane Camille in 1969.

Testimonies should be sent to the office of Earl Kelly, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Alliance proceeds with seminary plans

By Marv Knox

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A committee of Southern and American Baptists and Presbyterians agreed to develop plans for a new seminary here, during a meeting here Jan. 3.

The meeting involved four leaders of the Southern Baptist Alliance, a two-year-old organization of 40,000 Southern Baptist moderates: Executive Director Stan Hastey, former Acting Executive Director Allen Neely, theological education committee Chairman Tom Graves, and Morris Ashcraft, professor of theology and former academic dean at Southeastern Seminary.

Other committee members are an administrator from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., representing some American Baptist seminaries; representatives from the American Baptist Board of Education; and representatives from the three members of the Richmond Theological Center: the School of Theology of Virginia Union University, an American Baptist school; the

Presbyterian School of Christian Education; and Union Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian school.

The committee agreed to four statements, reported Graves, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., who was selected to speak for the group.

"We recommend that the Southern Baptist Alliance proceed toward the establishment of a school for preparation of ministers in Richmond."

The Alliance voted in November to allocate \$250,000 of its 1989 budget to finance a divinity school or seminary in Richmond and urged its representatives to meet with educators from other denominations to consider starting the school.

"We hope that such a school would be a cooperative venture involving the Southern Baptist Alliance and other theological institutions in Richmond and elsewhere."

The schools in the Richmond (Continued on page 8)

State Evangelism Conference

February 6-8, 1989

First Baptist Church
Meridian, Mississippi

MONDAY EVENING, February 6

GUY HENDERSON, Presiding

- 6:35 Choral Witness — Highland Baptist Church Adult Choir
- 7:00 Congregational Praise — L. Graham Smith
- 7:05 WELCOME — Gary Bagley
- 7:15 Vocal Witness — Brad Cundiff
- 7:20 MESSAGE — David Miller
- 7:55 "Evangelism in Mississippi" — Guy Henderson
- 8:10 Congregational Praise — L. Graham Smith
- Choral Witness — Highland Baptist Church Adult Choir
- 8:20 MESSAGE — "Making Jesus Lord of Your Devotional Life" — Junior Hill
- 9:00 Adjourn.

TUESDAY MORNING, February 7

CHESTER VAUGHN, Presiding

- 8:45 Keyboard Praise — Senita Webb and Dot Pray
- Vocal Witness — Doug Haney
- 9:00 MESSAGE — David Miller
- 9:35 Vocal Witness — Susan Clark
- 9:40 MESSAGE — "Making Jesus Lord in Your Ministry" — Romans 12:1-2 — Bill Causey
- 10:15 Break
- 10:35 Congregational Praise — Doug Haney
- 10:40 TESTIMONY — Grady Crowell
- 10:55 Music/Drama Witness — "One Voice"
- 11:10 MESSAGE — "The Successful Minister — By Whose Standard" — Junior Hill

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, February 7

PETE EVANS, Presiding

- 1:45 Keyboard Praise — Senita Webb and Dot Pray
- 1:55 Vocal Witness — Karen Hardy and Clyde Carraway
- Prayer
- 2:00 MESSAGE — "Making Jesus Lord of Your Possessions" — Luke 12:22-34 — Charles Page
- 2:40 Music/Drama Witness — "One Voice"
- 2:45 TESTIMONY — Bobby Douglas
- 3:05 Break
- 3:25 MESSAGE — "Making Jesus Lord of Your Home" — James Richardson
- 3:50 Music/Drama Witness — "One Voice"
- 4:00 MESSAGE — "Making Jesus Lord of Your Work and Leisure" — Clark Hutchinson.

TUESDAY EVENING, February 7

GUY HENDERSON, Presiding

- 6:35 Choral Praise — Mississippi Singing Churchmen
- 7:00 MESSAGE — "Making Jesus Lord of Your Time" — Romans 13:11-14 — Altus Newell
- 7:35 Praise Time — Congregation
- Vocal Witness — Lamar Association Men's Quartet
- 7:45 "Simultaneous Revival — Here's Hope 1990" — Ron Barker
- 8:00 Choral Worship — Mississippi Singing Churchmen
- 8:20 MESSAGE — "Making Jesus Lord Through Prayer and Fasting" — Romans 15:30, Luke 18:1 — Charles Page

WEDNESDAY MORNING, February 8

GUY HENDERSON, Presiding

- 8:45 Keyboard Praise — Senita Webb and Dot Pray
- 8:55 Vocal Witness — L. Graham Smith
- Prayer
- 9:00 MESSAGE — "Equipping the Saints for Ministry" — Ephesians 4:11-12 — Clark Hutchinson
- 9:40 Concert
- 9:50 MESSAGE — "Equipping the Saints to Witness" — Ron Barker
- 10:20 Praise Song — Congregation
- Vocal Witness — Hubert Greer
- 10:40 MESSAGE — "Here Am I Lord, Send Me" — Isaiah 6 — Altus Newell
- 11:20 Adjourn.

Mississippians get urban training

Thirty-two persons from seven Mississippi Associations and 26 churches attended an Urban Training event on the New Orleans Seminary campus, Dec. 12-14.

The event was sponsored by the Home Mission Board, New Orleans Seminary and the other five Southern Baptist seminaries, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Greater New Orleans Baptist Association, Shelby Baptist Association (Memphis), and Hinds-Madison Baptist Association.

Participants heard Kennon L. Callahan, a church consultant from Dallas, Tex., describe Twelve Keys to An Effective Church, (a book by the same name was published by Harper & Rowe in 1984).

The 12 keys are relational and functional according to Callahan. Relational refers to helping people find hope, family, care, belonging, and friends. Functional refers to pro-

grams of the church, buildings, and financial resources. Callahan said the source of greatest satisfaction in churches is relational — the greatest dissatisfaction is most often functional.

The Cooperative Missions Department enlisted the group from Mississippi. The conference blends theory and practice. This seminar shared insights and practical approaches to building an effective church in an urban setting.

Cliff Shipp, pastor of Highland Church, Jackson, told the audience how the four special ministry classes to retarded persons, visitation to nursing homes and caring for home-bound adults has given life to a post-transitional church. The church continues to share the love and care of Jesus Christ through the congregation.

An Urban Training event is planned for Mississippi in December of 1989.

Southeastern leaders promise cooperation, commitment to SBC

By Marv Knox

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — Southeastern Seminary officials have promised to cooperate with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools while maintaining their commitment to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Association — which, along with the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, accredits the seminary — recently released the report of a special on-site committee that investigated the seminary here this fall. (Separate story published last week.)

Southeastern President Lewis A. Drummond was out of the country and unable to comment directly on the report. However, seminary administrators released a prepared statement in which he said: "It is our desire to follow these recommendations as forthrightly as possible in the light of our commitment to Southern Baptists. The report is being carefully considered. Each recommendation will be discussed individually by the administration and trustees."

The statement also included comments made by trustee Chairman Robert D. Crowley, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church in Rockville, Md.

"We want to cooperate in all reasonable matters to keep accreditation in conjunction with the mandate of the Southern Baptist Convention, which founded the school, purchased the campus in 1950 and substantially supported the institution since then, having contributed over \$4 million in the current year," Crowley said. "That mandate calls for institutions and agencies of the convention enthusiastically to support the doctrinal statement entitled the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963."

"We desperately want peace in the SBC and peace on the campus of SEBTS with the teachers and students, but not, of course, at the cost of action which refuses to honor its commitment to the parent organization, the SBC, which faithfully supports it each year with tithes and offerings."

Crowley also expressed the desire to maintain both accreditation and loyalty to the convention: "We want very earnestly to keep our relationship with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. We will do everything we can to work out the difficulties within their principles of accreditation and the commitment we have to the owners of the school, the Southern Baptist Convention."

A faculty leader and a member of the trustees' moderate minority both praised the Southern Association's report.

"The faculty was very pleased with its fairness and with the outcome. We felt like we were heard," said C. Michael Hawn, professor of church music and president of the Southeastern chapter of the American Association of University Professors. "They pressed hard the issues of faculty related to the hiring process and upheld our concerns regarding adjunctive (part-time) faculty."

Faculty input in faculty hiring is important "because they know best the needs," he said. "It's impossible for a single person to know who should be hired in any given area of faculty — who are the best people in Old Testament, church music, theology. It is important that faculty have a significant voice."

"Plus you're talking about collegiality, if you want us to work

together. That has been important at Southeastern — how will this person work with the group. We feel that's very much threatened now."

"It's fair and objective," trustee Mark Caldwell, pastor of University Baptist Church in College Park, Md., said of the Southern Association's report. "It certainly depicts a seminary under siege. It's an accurate account of some reckless and rather irresponsible behavior on the part of the trustees."

Caldwell said he plans to make a motion at the March board meeting, which will "rescind the action of October 1987 which changed the faculty-selection process."

He said it would also help to select a new dean from within the present faculty, he added, noting: "That would also show the new majority (of trustees) is attempting to affect a balance. It would show they are trying to have parity. We need to rethink the whole matter of the faculty's place in faculty selection."

Caldwell criticized the process seminary leaders have begun to take in dealing with the Southern Association. A group of trustees met with Southern Association officials Dec. 10 and provided a response to the agency's report.

"Nobody told them to make a report

to SACS," Caldwell said. "We empowered them, as our minutes clearly state, to make a report to us."

Crowley disputed that claim. "The board asked me to appoint a special committee to report to the Association of Theological Schools and to SACS," he said. "I appointed the instructional committee. We have answered them point by point, paragraph by paragraph. It's a committee report; it has not been approved by the board. When they approve it or act on it, then it will be released."

The report to the Southern Association is about 100 pages long, with about 50 pages of appendices and illustrations, Crowley said, noting it completes a portrait left unfinished by the Southern Association's report.

"The SACS report is very unbalanced," he said. "Our response provides balance. When you see our response, you will get a balanced picture of Southeastern Seminary."

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.

Global foreign missions of the Christian world operate on \$8 billion a year; the rest of organized Christianity's annual income, \$152 billion (95 percent), is spent on the home church and its ministries.

Education Commission study of Carey is "progressing"

The Mississippi Baptist Education Commission's study of the troubles at William Carey College is "progressing," says Commission Chairman William Stewart of Eupora. The group has held two closed-door meetings and has another planned in February.

"We're working diligently, but we're working carefully," said Stewart, pastor of First Church, Eupora.

The Commission was requested by the Carey trustees last November to look into charges by a trustee minority that the college was suffering from slipshod administrative and fiscal practices. The request stated that the

"Education Commission make a study of the financial status, organizational structure, administrative practices, and use of college endowment funds and report its findings and recommendations back to the Carey trustees."

The Commission had not yet engaged the services of specialists in its investigation, but Stewart noted that such would likely have to be done.

"We want to be accurate and do the job well. The main thing people need to be assured of is that we are serious and we are doing it," said Stewart.

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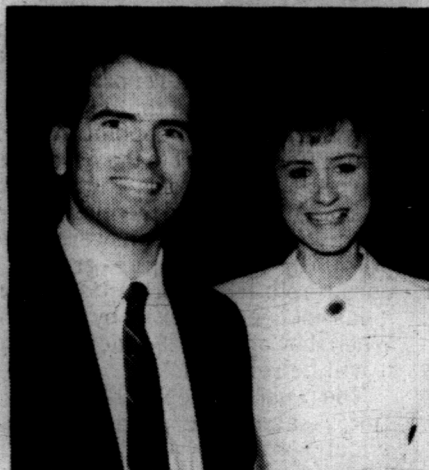
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New missionaries say, "Thank you, Mississippi Baptists"

By Tim Nicholas



Two newly appointed Southern Baptist missionaries took time to thank Mississippi Baptists for financial help before heading to France Dec. 28 for language study.

Clifton and Cathy Curtis of Winona have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve at Tenkodogo in Burkina Faso, West Africa, where Clifton will be an agricultural specialist.

They spoke briefly during a banquet of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation which helped provide enrollment expenses at Southwestern Seminary while Clifton took the 20 hours of seminary work required for appointment. Cathy was able to take classes, also.

The help from the Foundation "was a reminder of God's faithfulness to us," said Clifton. "It provided a way for us to be equipped and was a reminder of faithful Christians who were willing to make an investment that will pay eternal dividends." He added, "It was also a reminder of the faithful steward I need to be."

The couple will work with the Bista tribe of 300,000 people. Cathy's background is in literacy work. There is an eight percent literacy rate in the area to which they will be going.

Clifton's background is in agriculture and though they and another couple will be developing churches and witnessing, Clifton will be working to teach production of better crops, soil conservation, and better utilization of water resources.

Hungarian lay academy slated to open in 1990

By Art Toalston

BUDAPEST, Hungary (BP) — A key Hungarian official has given new assurances of his government's openness to a Baptist lay academy here for training bivocational pastors and other church workers in Eastern Europe.

The International Baptist Lay Academy in Budapest is scheduled to open in the summer of 1990 and will be affiliated with Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Barna Sarkadi-Nagy, vice president of the Hungarian State Office for Church Affairs, "assured us the academy would be able to carry out freely its educational programs," said John David Hopper, president of the Ruschlikon seminary and a longtime Southern Baptist missionary in Europe. Hopper was part of a delegation that met with the official Nov. 22.

To assist the new academy, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board administrators asked board trustees in December to assign a Southern Baptist couple to work in Hungary. Errol and Mary Simmons will transfer from Spain. She is a Mississippian.

Hungarian pastor Laszlo Gerzsenyi has been named the academy's first

director. He was selected Nov. 25 by the Ruschlikon seminary's executive board, which was assigned the task by the European Baptist Federation. The federation encompasses 26 Baptist bodies in Western and Eastern Europe.

Gerzsenyi leads a Baptist church in the Budapest suburb of Pecel and is a church history professor at Hungarian Baptist Seminary in Budapest. He received a doctor of ministry degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and for five years was pastor of a Hungarian Baptist congregation in Detroit.

The academy will operate primarily during the summer and will utilize the Hungarian seminary's classrooms and sleeping quarters. The facility's overnight capacity is being expanded from 28 to 40.

Bivocational pastors and other church leaders throughout Eastern Europe will be able to enroll in conferences and training programs spanning several days to several weeks. Especially in the Soviet Union, Romania, Czechoslovakia and parts of Yugoslavia, a large majority of ministers are bivocational.

Toalston writes for FMB.

Missionary dies while working in Tanzania

MOSHI, Tanzania (BP) — Wendell R. "Jack" Hull, 64, a Southern Baptist missionary from Wichita Falls, Texas, died Jan. 5 after suffering a heart attack at the construction site of Kifaru Baptist Church near Moshi, Tanzania.

Hull's home always was open to missionaries and Africans alike, which was one reason he was so loved by Africans, Houser said. His most recent position, besides being a church starter, was co-director of stewardship and evangelism for the Tanzania Baptist Convention.

Hull was appointed a missionary in 1959 with his wife, the former Dorothy Edwards of Sedalia, Mo. For 10 years he was a general evangelist in Kenya, where the couple pioneered Southern Baptist work among the Kikuyu people. They helped establish 43 churches and preaching points and a Baptist high school. The Kikuyus called him "Riri Waiguru," meaning "Heavenly Sunlight."

The Hulls came to Tanzania in 1970 and began work in the Mwanza area.



Prices appointed to Mission Service Corps

Fred and Mae Price, members of Fairview Church, Columbus, were recently appointed to Mission Service Corps by the Home Mission Board. They will serve for two years as Mission Service Coordinators for Area 4.

Hazel Moon dies; retired missionary

APPOMATTOX, Va. — Retired Southern Baptist missionary Hazel Moon, 73, who ministered to lepers in Nigeria, died of cancer in her home in Appomattox, Va., Jan. 9.



Moon

Moon, a single missionary to West Africa for 34 years, retired in 1981. She worked with leprosy patients, administering medicine and providing daily treatments, and managed a school and adult literacy program for lepers in Nigeria. She often visited a Baptist leprosy camp near Ogbomosho, Nigeria, and participated in prayer meetings with the patients.

An Ogbomosho church, members of which are Moon's former leprosy patients, is named in her honor.

After retirement, Moon spoke at many churches about foreign missions and led home Bible studies. She set up and contributed to a special bank account designated for home and foreign missions.

As her cancer required medical attention over the years, she refused to let Foreign Mission Board medical funds cover the bills. She paid them herself.

Though in pain, Moon "never complained," said her nephew. "She was an unselfish person and everything she did was for the glory of God."

Moon's last full day, Jan. 8, was joyful, he added. Accompanied by two violins, a guitar, and a piano, family and friends gathered around Moon in her home and sang hymns for seven hours. Moon smiled and whispered the words as they sang. She died later that night.

Before her death, Moon requested that people not send flowers in her memory. Instead, she asked that donations be sent to the Foreign Mission Board.

There are 1.3 billion people, 25.5 percent of the world population, who are unaware of Christianity, Christ or the gospel. Unreached peoples (no disciples, no churches, no witnesses, no scriptures, no broadcasting) from 1,300 ethnological peoples in 1970 to 520 by 1988. There is no Christian broadcasting in 30 major languages with from 5 to 85 million native speakers each.

Currie to coordinate 'centrists'

DALLAS (BP) — David Currie, 36, a rancher and former Texas pastor has been hired to "coordinate" the newly-formed Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Currie, who operates a 2,400-acre ranch near Paint Rock, Texas, said he will be "coordinator" and not "executive director" of the new group, formed during a meeting Dec. 15-16 in Dallas.

Winfred Moore, pastor of First Church, Amarillo, and chairman of Baptists Committed, said Currie "will be the field person working with the various states and people who are trying to get this movement underway in the states."

James Slatton, pastor of River Road Church, Richmond, and one of the founders of the new organization, said Currie "will do essentially organizational support."

Moore told Baptist Press funding for Baptists Committed "will come from individual contributions."

Currie said there is "no sugar daddy" to fund the operation. "This is essentially a faith commitment for me. Contributions will come from individuals and churches."

He added that while he will "always be a rancher," he will be putting the majority of his efforts toward the new organization.

"I think you will see coming out of this organization an effort at some publications, some on a regular basis and others which will be educational about Baptist heritage and Baptist principles."

"I am convinced there is a sleeping giant out there . . . people who are not part of the fundamentalist takeover and who do not want to start a new denomination. These are people who think the direction we are moving in now is contrary to our entire heritage."

Currie said he believes Baptists Committed is "broad enough to include people in the (Southern Baptist) Alliance (a moderate group) and fundamentalists."

The new coordinator is a graduate of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, and earned master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

He was coordinator of special projects for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission from 1976-78, and pastor in Mason, Texas, for two and a half years. He also worked for the Texas Department of Agriculture for four years and recently sought election as a state representative.

Woman named editor of Arizona paper

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — Elizabeth Young 30, has been promoted to editor of the Baptist Beacon, newsjournal of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, effective Jan. 1.

Young had been managing editor of the publication since 1987. She joined the paper's staff as newswriter and journalistic consultant in June 1980 and subsequently was promoted to assistant editor and then associate editor.

Throughout her tenure, Young has been responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Arizona paper.

A California native, Young's initial contact with state Baptist papers came at an early age. Her father, J. Terry Young, is a former editor of the California Southern Baptist newspaper and currently is professor of theology at New Orleans Seminary.

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BETHLE	1,027.22	699.53	1,726.75	ANTIOCH	2,483.98	2,483.98	4,967.96	ADAMS WOODS	3,480.02	3,271.04	6,751.06	HEPZIBAH	2,093.85	2,093.85	4,187.70
BRIEF AVE	1,072.22	699.53	1,771.75	BUCATUN	1,274.00	1,644.00	2,918.00	BEVAN	483.02	1,003.02	1,486.04	JAYES	426.32	2,393.40	2,819.72
CLIFF TEMPLE	15,007.30	5,246.10	20,253.40	CENTER RIDGE	4,043.00	577.50	4,620.50	BEVON DRIVE	1,712.38	1,003.02	2,715.40	MONTICELLO	63,880.84	19,890.32	83,771.16
CLEVELAND	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CHURCH	13,812.00	4,882.00	18,694.00	BELTON	4,882.00	1,003.02	5,885.02	NEBROUN	4,882.00	2,393.40	7,275.40
CLEVELAND	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CLEVELAND	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00	BROADWOOD DRIVE	429,350.89	185,329.37	614,680.27	NEW HOPE	9,452.60	2,754.35	12,206.95
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FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
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FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.67	OKLAHOMA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73
FLORIDA	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	FBC HALL	1,764.65	1,160.08	2,924.73	CALVARY CANTON	10,524.47	6,688.20	17,212.				

Mission Gifts Of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board

Jan. 1, 1988-Dec. 31, 1988

Assn. Miss.				Assn. Miss.				Assn. Miss.				Assn. Miss.			
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WMU & All				WMU & All				WMU & All				WMU & All			
Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total	
TEMPLE HATTIESBURG	134,820.46	59,477.33	194,298.39	MONTGOMERY				PHARSALIA	190.00	500.00	690.00	CALVARY	3,996.87	3,993.36	7,990.23
TEMPLE PETAL	27,700.00	500.00	500.00	BETHLEHEM	300.00	763.62	1,063.62	PHILADELPHIA REST	2,458.37	2,458.37	4,916.74	CALIFORNIA	1,759.00	1,759.00	3,518.00
TEMPLE LIGHT AVENUE	27,700.00	500.00	500.00	BUCK HILL	16,501.74	8,574.16	25,075.90	ROSE HILL	2,458.37	2,458.37	4,916.74	CALIFORNIA	1,759.00	1,759.00	3,518.00
TRINITY	3,376.76	936.59	4,313.35	BUCK HILL	16,501.74	8,574.16	25,075.90	SHADY GROVE	1,200.00	510.33	1,710.33	CALIFORNIA	1,759.00	1,759.00	3,518.00
UNIVERSITY	16,109.00	7,334.00	23,443.00	BUCK HILL	16,501.74	8,574.16	25,075.90	SHADY GROVE	1,200.00	510.33	1,710.33	CALIFORNIA	1,759.00	1,759.00	3,518.00
	593,369.06	324,005.00	917,424.06	BUCK HILL	16,501.74	8,574.16	25,075.90	SHADY GROVE	1,200.00	510.33	1,710.33	CALIFORNIA	1,759.00	1,759.00	3,518.00
LEE				BUCK HILL	16,501.74	8,574.16	25,075.90	SHADY GROVE	1,200.00	510.33	1,710.33	CALIFORNIA	1,759.00	1,759.00	3,518.00
AUBURN	14,941.46	7,302.63	22,244.09	BUCK HILL	16,501.74	8,574.16	25,075.90	SHADY GROVE	1,200.00	510.33	1,710.33	CALIFORNIA	1,759.00	1,759.00	3,518.00
BIRMINGHAM	2,000.00	2,012.18	4,012.18	BUCK HILL	16,501.74	8,574.16	25,075.90	SHADY GROVE	1,200.00	510.33	1,710.33	CALIFORNIA	1,759.00	1,759.00	3,518.00
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Mission Gifts Of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board

Jan. 1, 1988-Dec. 31, 1988

Co-op	Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All		Total	Co-op	Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All		Total	Co-op	Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All		Total	Co-op	Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All		Total
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PLEASANT HILL	1,585.71	814.14	2,399.85	FBC VICKSBURG	163,195.77	84,598.57	247,794.34	EAST LOUISVILLE	5,965.37	4,488.91	10,454.28	SOUTHSIDE	9,187.50	3,904.25	13,091.75
PORT GIBSON	8,228.19	6,010.30	14,238.49	GODDARD MEMORIAL	1,543.51	3,087.02	4,630.53	ELLISON RIDGE	1,426.58	810.41	2,236.99	TINSLEY	259.92	672.00	931.92
RED LICK	250.00	380.00	630.00	GRACE	7,333.39	2,215.71	9,549.10	ENON	5,779.61	4,474.83	10,254.44	WEBSTER	264,646.13	66,235.00	330,881.13
SHILOH	4,417.06	4,609.00	9,026.06	HIGHLAND	34,133.08	11,451.56	45,584.64	EVERGREEN	10,075.72	8,809.57	18,885.29	ALVA	250.00	60.00	310.00
UNITY	30,442.53	21,500.92	51,943.45	IMMANUEL	18,028.36	3,757.80	21,786.16	FBC LOUISVILLE	87,662.01	55,775.38	143,437.39	BLUFF SPRINGS	729.00	840.00	1,569.00
UNION COUNTY				NORTHIDE	4,906.16	873.00	5,779.16	GODDARD	312.50	1,302.79	1,615.29	CALVARY	1,488.00	2,108.48	3,596.48
AMAZIAH	3,767.08	5,751.85	9,518.93	ROCKWAY	826.21	91.00	917.21	GUR BRANCH	0.00	0.00	0.00	CLARKSON	3,280.79	3,880.79	7,161.58
BETHEL	2,487.82	4,401.10	6,888.92	SOUTHSIDE	5,306.95	1,222.50	6,529.45	HARBONY	4,329.28	2,765.76	7,095.04	CROSS ROADS	2,958.61	820.12	3,778.73
BEULAH	2,481.00	3,404.00	5,885.00	TRINITY	20,349.39	4,030.85	24,380.24	LACEDONIA	6,081.00	4,797.38	10,878.38	CUMBERLAND	8,778.76	5,481.30	14,260.06
BLUE SPRINGS	3,331.62	453.12	3,784.74	WATKINS	6,256.00	2,814.93	9,070.93	MURPHY CREEK	11,404.74	7,032.05	18,436.79	DOUBLE SPRINGS	50.00	100.00	150.00
CENTER	9,461.00	8,005.80	17,466.80	WOODLAWN	59,324.32	4,598.50	63,922.82	NORFOLK	28,675.28	4,118.18	32,793.46	EDGEWORTH	2,081.30	2,288.15	4,369.45
CORNERVILLE	653.47	2,647.98	3,301.45	WASHINGTON	421,004.57	147,128.36	568,132.93	OAK GROVE	752.60	579.20	1,331.80	FBC EUPORA	46,117.77	26,988.30	73,106.07
ELATON	11,652.78	6,703.90	18,356.68	ALEXANDER MEMORIAL	4,926.59	5,115.96	10,042.55	POPLAR FLAT	5,159.81	4,369.55	9,529.36	FBC NATHANSON	19,440.00	11,088.80	30,528.80
FBC NEW ALBANY	108,087.77	58,911.30	166,999.07	ARCOLA	1,746.27	2,982.33	4,728.60	SHILOH	2,888.51	3,495.30	6,383.81	FELLOWSHIP	1,200.00	4,487.00	5,687.00
FREDONIA	4,809.87	4,004.95	8,814.82	CALVARY	22,701.79	1,903.17	24,604.96	SINGLETON	1,170.95	1,138.95	2,309.90	HEBRON	1,358.67	903.17	2,261.84
GLENFIELD	2,588.30	1,287.07	3,875.37	CHINESE MSN	888.35	1,281.04	2,169.39	SOUTH LOUISVILLE	10,312.86	4,798.42	15,111.28	LOLLARS GROVE	3,270.37	984.84	4,255.21
HARMONY	7,217.21	6,329.45	13,546.66	DARLOWE	2,183.88	1,889.05	4,072.93	UNION RIDGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	NANTHE	8,074.52	18,797.15	26,871.67
HILLCREST	17,094.31	17,032.45	34,126.76	EMMAUEL	21,593.44	5,374.44	26,967.88	WEISS CHAPEL	2,182.25	3,209.15	5,391.40	MONTEVISTA	100.00	100.00	200.00
INGOMAR	10,171.21	21,975.07	32,146.28	FBC GREENVILLE	87,668.25	171,171.86	258,840.11	WEST END	1,233.50	1,383.50	2,617.00	MT VERNON	180.00	1,350.00	1,530.00
JERICHO	14,761.08	11,108.10	25,869.18	FBC LAKE WASHINGTON	2,582.33	6,131.16	8,713.49	WINSTON	764.45	721.24	1,485.69	NEW HOPE	600.00	7,375.00	7,975.00
KECKVILLE	936.41	1,830.57	2,766.98	FBC LELAND	31,004.81	109,140.76	140,145.57	WINSTON ASSN	0.00	0.00	0.00	PHILADELPHIA	2,051.00	2,550.00	4,601.00
LIBERTY	1,200.00	2,050.00	3,250.00	GAMARI ROAD	1,150.33	1,586.42	2,736.75	YALOBUSHA	21,285.28	151,818.85	365,103.93	PILGRIMS REST	220.00	260.00	480.00
LOCUST GROVE	1,200.00	2,050.00	3,250.00	GLENDALE	3,712.25	2,007.13	5,719.38	BETHEL	9,749.00	5,359.85	15,108.85	REDS CHAPEL	220.00	260.00	480.00
MADONIA	9,375.11	7,811.47	17,186.58	GREENFIELD	7,216.45	1,185.90	8,402.35	CALVARY	2,230.61	1,508.80	3,739.41	SAPA	750.00	2,228.28	2,978.28
MARTIN	5,503.28	2,117.91	7,621.19	HOLLANDALE	19,645.08	10,735.40	30,380.48	CAMP GROUNDS	2,230.61	1,508.80	3,739.41	TOMMELAND	2,228.28	3,164.79	5,393.07
MOSS HILL	2,098.46	1,083.30	3,181.76	LAKESIDE	5,538.99	742.43	6,281.42	CLEAR SPRINGS	200.00	200.00	400.00	UNION	1,699.96	2,891.62	4,591.58
MT GILEAD	50.00	0.00	50.00	PARKVIEW GREENVILLE	27,560.27	8,626.43	36,186.70	ELAW	1,238.92	1,685.00	2,923.92	WALSHALL	523.99	2,610.00	3,133.99
MYRTLE	10,421.54	2,869.45	13,290.99	RIVERPORT	964.60	1,015.88	1,980.48	FBC COFFEEVILLE	33,470.95	23,040.40	56,511.35	WEBSTER ASSN	1,991.00	1,222.50	3,213.50
NEW HARMONY	25.00	0.00	25.00	SECONDO GREENVILLE	28,758.29	19,592.75	48,351.04	FBC WATER VALLEY	27,186.78	78,926.00	106,112.78	WEST SHADY GROVE	1,991.00	1,222.50	3,213.50
NEW OAK GROVE	1,185.62	282.57	1,468.19	SOUTHSIDE	14,657.66	10,103.15	24,760.81	FBIENSHIP	380.27	650.00	1,030.27	UNAFFILIATED	192.35	269.27	461.62
NORTHSIDE	2,890.51	3,054.23	5,944.74	SWIFTWATER	4,136.60	3,792.15	7,928.75	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	BERESITH	3,257.38	3,257.38	6,514.76
OAK HILL	200.00	0.00	200.00	WAYNE	290,801.06	293,032.20	583,833.26	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	EAGLE LAKE MISSION	2,693.01	113.00	2,806.01
OLD OAK GROVE	1,366.90	2,211.51	3,578.41	BIG CREEK	10,831.73	2,809.10	13,640.83	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	EMMAUEL 715	3,000.00	1,700.00	4,700.00
PLEASANT HILL	276.17	0.00	276.17	CALVARY	19,320.23	983.07	20,303.30	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	FAITH 604	2,735.14	909.25	3,644.39
PLEASANT HILL	7,272.12	10,256.57	17,528.69	CHAPARRAL	1,093.56	983.07	2,076.63	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	FBC HOLSTON 408	163.00	40.62	203.62
PLEASANT HILL	7,272.12	10,256.57	17,528.69	CLEAR CREEK	4,109.71	4,109.71	8,219.42	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	HAZEL 600	886.47	636.98	1,523.45
POOLEVILLE	115.33	25.00	140.33	COUNTY LINE	2,582.74	2,327.05	4,909.79	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	LOOP ROAD MSN 651	551.32	526.00	1,077.32
TEMPLE	3,252.00	1,535.00	4,787.00	EBET	2,064.83	4,220.71	6,285.54	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	LYNN RAY ROAD 465	1,194.15	1,654.43	2,848.58
WALLERVALE	4,726.92	3,384.42	8,111.34	EUCUTIA	679.15	135.87	815.02	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	MS BAPTIST FOUNDATION	10,607.03	76,783.74	87,390.77
WEST TALLAHATCHIE	1,008.02	1,271.68	2,279.70	VERGREEN	1,282.80	6,109.90	7,392.70	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	NEW GALLIE MISSION 654	299.20	66.99	366.19
ZION HILL	264,093.16	204,721.64	468,814.80	FBC BUCKATUNNA	6,006.16	12,116.06	18,122.22	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	NEW HOPE 465	2,824.90	911.75	3,736.65
WALTHALL				FBC CHICORA	1,627.03	1,627.03	3,254.06	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	NEW SALEM MISSION 535	2,824.90	911.75	3,736.65
CALVARY	1,158.56	579.50	1,738.06	FBC CLARA	10,474.96	5,219.13	15,694.09	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	PHILADELPHIA 950	400.00	44.58	444.58
CENTERVILLE	1,474.94	620.40	2,095.34	FBC STATE LINE	8,883.44	6,354.09	15,237.53	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	SHALOM 455	1,338.00	405.68	1,743.68
CRYSTAL SPRINGS	13,136.33	3,610.00	16,746.33	FBC WAYNESBORO	59,434.26	36,634.47	96,068.73	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	TERRAD	430.00	150.00	580.00
DIMAR	2,672.10	765.00	3,437.10	HT ZION	662.03	0.00	662.03	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	TRINITY 682	75.76	113.64	189.40
ENON	15,675.19	10,889.20	26,564.39	PLEASANT GROVE	13,552.19	4,232.96	17,785.15	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	VICTORIA HEIGHTS 525	1,101.23	1,335.02	2,436.25
EXODUS	2,672.10	765.00	3,437.10	WATER CREEK	7,210.51	1,075.41	8,285.92	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	WALSHALL	523.99	2,610.00	3,133.99
LEXIE	7,804.77	9,400.23	17,205.00	WATKINS	5,188.17	2,172.90	7,361.07	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	WARREN	9,001.27	911.03	9,912.30
MAGEES CREEK	4,924.65	4,151.08	9,075.73	WEST SHADY GROVE	3,524.32	2,726.29	6,250.61	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	BOYDVA	76,251.18	22,153.76	98,404.94
MASSA	5,779.10	3,503.29	9,282.39	ZION REST	68,007.77	1,174.98	69,182.75	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00	CALVARY	14,808.98	5,900.00	20,708.98
NEW ZION	4,000.00	1,978.43	5,978.43	WINSTON	2,205.00	1,691.00	3,896.00	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00				
SALEM	6,865.91	4,145.92	11,011.83	ANTIOCH	13,557.18	2,261.00	15,818.18	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00				
TYLER TOWN	39,053.78	29,889.03	68,942.81	BETHLEHEM	1,790.00	0.00	1,790.00	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00				
UNION	6,132.71	1,381.25	7,513.96	CALVARY	1,110.48	1,306.48	2,416.96	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00				
WALSHALL ASSN	110,565.49	69,809.74	180,375.23	CRYSTAL RIDGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00				
WARREN	9,001.27	911.03	9,912.30	DRY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00	HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00				
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CALVARY	14,808.98	5,900.00	20,708.98					HOPEWELL	105.00	915.00	1,020.00				



Powerline for teens

SOUTHERN BAPTIST RADIO-TV COMMISSION / FORT WORTH, TX 76150

My father never says "I love you"

QUESTION:

My father is a good person, but I don't think he has ever once said "I love you" or put his arms around me or kissed me. He's that way with my mother and other family members too. He acts like he thinks we are stupid and too boring to talk to. When he's rude to us, I get angry and then I lose my cool. This keeps the whole family upset, and then I'm ashamed because I have only made things worse for my mother. He says if I don't like it I can just leave. Isn't there anything I can do?

ANSWER:

It's tough to keep peace in a family, even when everyone is trying to be cooperative and understanding. If any individual is not making an effort, it becomes even harder, especially if that person is a parent.

The first step is to try to understand your father and why he reacts as he does. Examine both his present situation and his past experiences. Is he under special pressures at work or in his personal life? Is he preoccupied with business or other worries? We're not saying that any of this gives him the right to inflict all his bad feelings on the rest of the family. But if you know the factors involved in the situation, you may be able to come closer to finding some solutions.

Second, realize that you can't control another person or dictate his actions. You are not responsible for what your father does or fails to do, and you are not responsible for keeping peace between him and your mother. Obviously you want to do all you can to make your home pleasant and peaceful. But don't let yourself be cast in the role of Rescuer or Scapegoat.

Jackson County reaches out to highway nomads

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gospel tapes, grooming supplies, road maps, English and Spanish Bibles, and coffee for thermos bottles. Storie says the truck stop operators don't mind the chapel folks' giving away coffee. In fact, the truck stop will be referring stranded travelers to the chapel. Local churches already contribute to travelers' relief through the Moss Point Police Department.

Volunteers will not directly recruit visitors at the truck stop. But J.J.'s will have small standing cards at its tables

Alliance proceeds . . .

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Theological Center already relate through a consortium arrangement that allows students to study at all three institutions.

"We have requested Morris Ashcraft, former dean at Southeastern Seminary, to draw up specific scenarios and proposals to be presented

Just for the Record

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Thursday, January 19, 1989

Church honors pastor on 20th year

Edgar Lee Wright, pastor of New Sight Church, Brookhaven, was honored Dec. 11 in the morning service in recognition of his 20 years of service. Tommy Middleton, pastor of Woodlawn Church, Baton Rouge, La. and former pastor of Halbert Heights Church, delivered the message. Talmadge Smith, director of missions for Copiah and Lincoln Association, stated that Wright has the longest tenure of any pastor in Lincoln County. Also speaking were Jim Storey, Shelton Williams, and Wayne Ashmore.



Wright

Mrs. Nell Strube, representing the WMU, presented the pastor and his wife, Marguerite, a quilt made by members of the WMU as a gift. Joe Ashley, chairman of deacons, presented him with a commemorative plaque. After the service a covered dish luncheon was held in the fellowship hall.

Senior adult corner



Kosciusko's First Church has received the Standard of Excellence for eight years. Pictured is David Hulsey, minister of education, presenting the 1988 certificate to Mrs. Dorothy Craft, Triple L President. First record of a meeting of senior adults is dated July 26, 1979, with Vic Johnston as leader. The first Standard of Excellence certificate was attained by them in 1980.



The ladies Sunday School class at Hermanville Church, Hermanville, prepared 14 Christmas boxes for shut-ins from their community. Pictured, left to right, are Mrs. Ann Windham, Mrs. Virginia Turner, Mrs. Margaret Daniels, and Mrs. Debbie Davis and son, Aaron Davis.



Evansville Church, Northwest Association, recently held its annual recognition service honoring its GAs. The emphasis was on the WMU Centennial celebration. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Kami Willard, Julia Phillips, Amy Price, Amy Dye, Lucy Phillips, and Genia Phillips. Back row, Lindsey Baker, Stephanie Powell, Jamie Still, Mrs. Pheriba Baker, WMU director, Lacey Lance, and Misty Moore.

Alcorn Association WMU sponsored a "first" meeting of Southern Baptists and National Baptists in observance of Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

Mrs. Carol Bullard, Baptist Women director, was in charge of the program. Barbara Smith is WMU director.

Fredonia Church, New Albany, recently gave a record \$5,081 to the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering. H. Gregg Thomas, pastor, encouraged members to give, as a minimum, the equivalent of one day's wage to the cause of foreign missions. In 1988, the church added a minister of youth and bought a mini-bus.

Hermanville Church will host a gospel singing on Jan. 22, at 5 p.m. Gage Hynum and the Oak Grove Gospel Singers will be featured. Donald Pouns, pastor, states that the public is invited and that a covered dish supper will be served after the singing. There will be no additional evening service.

Louie Farmer suffers stroke

Louie Farmer, of Hattiesburg, retired Baptist student director, University of Southern Mississippi, suffered a stroke Jan. 11. He was in Intensive Care, but has now been moved to Room 4019, Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg. However, he can have no visitors. According to his daughter, Reva Daniel of 1301 Post Road, Clinton, he is still quite seriously ill, but is improving daily.

"The Cooperative Program is the glue which holds Southern Baptists together and enables them to stick to the Great Commission." — Thomas E. Halsell

Letters to the editor

The Caine statement

Editor:

This letter is written to show my support for Dr. Curtis Caine, a member of the Christian Life Commission. I believe there is a deliberate attempt on the part of "liberal" forces within this denomination to see that Dr. Caine is forced to resign his seat on the Christian Life Commission.

I read the articles and talked with Dr. Caine personally concerning the statements he made, and I concur with all the suggestions he made that would bring our denomination back to a correct biblical stance on some major issues confronting our society.

In fact, we need more people like Dr. Caine, who will state what they believe, regardless of the consequences. He is a good and honorable man, and my friend, they are hard to find today.

John L. Heiden
Jackson

Regardless of one's agreement or disagreement with Dr. Caine, he expressed his convictions, which he certainly has a right to do. I can assure readers, however, that there is no "liberal" attempt to remove him from the Christian Life Commission. The only protests that I have seen have been three or four isolated editorials in state papers and a statement by the director of the Christian Life Commission, Richard Land, who certainly is no liberal. — Editor

The problem solver

Americans, begin where you are, with what you have on hand. Place an open Holy Bible on top of your television set. Then, watch our heavenly Father restore the innocence and beauty of our children's childhoods, replace our national confusion with heavenly guidance, our national apathy with constructive action, and inspire us by his Holy Spirit to spiritual revival and rebirth — leading us to victory, victory his Son has already won!

These open Bibles will be evidence on earth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Living Word, and of our loyalty to his Holy Will in our lives. Also, they will be an invitation to all of us to "read, mark, enjoy, and inwardly digest" The Book of all books which, when applied in his Holy Spirit, solves every problem.

"... Not by might [armament], nor by power [political, wealth], but by my spirit [the Holy Ghost, the Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit], saith the LORD of hosts," Zechariah 4:6, The King James Version.

Ida Fondren
Hattiesburg

Supports Dr. Caine

Editor:

Due to numerous letters in various publications regarding the remarks of Dr. Curtis Caine, the majority of

which have been highly critical and have either stated firmly or else implied that Dr. Caine is alone in his thinking, I wish to submit my viewpoint. Incidentally my viewpoint seems to be the viewpoint of the majority of my friends.

By way of introduction, I am just a plain, ordinary, average member of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi. I finished college with a degree in chemical engineering, was grabbed by the Army in March of 1942 (ended up as a full colonel), am also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, have also passed the Certified Public Accountants examination, and practiced as a CPA for years in my own office.

Now, having stated my general background or lack thereof, I wish to state that I agree fully with the remarks of Dr. Caine and firmly believe it would be desirable for people to investigate the truth or falsity of his remarks before they begin denouncing him as a person.

The entire episode makes one realize the truth of the Arabian proverb (straight from the Koran): "When you propose to tell people the truth, be sure you have one foot in the stirrup."

William H. Howell
Jackson

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

Peter and John show boldness in face of opposition

By Bert Breland

Acts 4:1-31

Peter and John are arrested by the temple guards who are acting on orders from the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin is the highest authority among the Jewish people and had maintained considerable power under Roman rule. They have challenged the disciples in regard to their authority, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?" (v.7). There is a great deal of scorn and contempt in this question. These religious leaders considered these disciples common and un-



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trained. Frank Stagg captured the spirit of their contempt when he wrote, "A valid paraphrase would be, 'By what authority or by what name did you do this, such as you!'"

Peter was undaunted by their scorn and fearless in his defense. The reason for his courage is quite clear. He was filled with the Holy Spirit. Their question has given Peter an opportunity to witness for Christ. They wanted

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to know in what name this work had been done and he used this as the substance of his defense. He had healed the man in a certain name and it just happened to be the name of a man that his questioners had rejected and crucified.

Peter cuts them to the quick and then rubs a little salt in the wound. Peter boldly proclaims to them that the one whom you crucified, God raised from the dead! The very idea of resurrection was offensive to those in leadership on the Sanhedrin. Peter's proof that what he was saying was true was standing right beside him — a man who was lame from birth who had been made well in the name of Jesus.

The Sanhedrin had been confronted with irrefutable proof (v. 16), and now they were desperately looking for a way out. They were not really concerned with the truth, but rather they were concerned with preserving the status quo and their own positions and authority. They refused to even consider the possibility that this Jesus of Nazareth might have been the Christ. However, on this day Peter would boldly pro-

claim that Jesus was the Christ and that there was no salvation in any other name.

The Sanhedrin, who deemed themselves the caretakers of God's salvation, were unable to refute this claim. All that they could muster was a threat not to teach in this name. Peter and John realized that they had the upper hand in this situation and they let them know in no uncertain terms that they would continue teaching and preaching Jesus Christ.

These disciples have a boldness and a confidence in the face of opposition that only God is able to provide. "For we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard" (v. 20). These words testify of men who are driven by a mission. They are consumed by the message and the One who has sent them. It is this spirit of zeal and dedication that we see in the disciples that speaks volume concerning the truth of the gospel. If these men had not seen the resurrected Lord, why would they risk their lives?

It seems inconceivable that they would have such boldness in the face of such opposition if they weren't absolutely sure Jesus Christ arose. There is a lesson here for all of us who claim Christ. If we truly believe that he arose, then we ought also to be able to say with the

disciples, I "cannot stop speaking what I have seen and heard."

This chapter concludes with Peter and John returning to the other disciples and sharing with them their experience. After they have shared, one of the disciples leads in a prayer that has a profound effect on everyone present. He prays not as Jews have prayed in the past, for the destruction of his enemies, but rather he prays that they will continue to be able to speak the word with confidence.

It is not a prayer that God would remove them from their problems. It is a prayer that God would sustain them in the midst of their problems. God answers this prayer in a mighty and powerful way. The scripture records that the place is literally shaken, and that they are all filled with the Holy Spirit, and begin to speak the word of God with boldness, they are unified, unselfish, willing to share, and with great power they begin to witness for Christ.

Greater than the miracle of a physical shaking is the spiritual shaking that took place in their lives which strengthened their witness for Christ in the midst of opposition.

Breland is pastor, North Greenwood Church, Greenwood.

Love — the result of forgiveness

By Gary G. Berry

Luke 7:36-50

People who have experienced the forgiveness of Christ in their lives have a genuine desire to love Him and to serve Him.



Berry

More than likely, it was out of courtesy or curiosity that Simon the Pharisee invited Jesus to eat with him. While the meal was in progress, a woman whose lifestyle and sins were of public record came to Jesus. Being overcome with emotion, she wept on the feet of Jesus and anointed them with expensive ointment. Her outpouring of devotion and her sacrifice of the ointment demonstrate that her heart had been touched by the grace of God. Something had happened to her, for it is not normal for reputable sinners to display such love for and adoration of the one whose

very presence brings conviction of sins. Meanwhile, Simon and Pharisee was somewhat incensed that Jesus would allow such a notorious sinner even to touch him (verse 39). Simon would never have done that. Years ago a man who made and sold "bootleg" whiskey began attending worship services at a certain church. One night a member remarked, "We don't need people like that in our church." Simon the Pharisee would have agreed. The fact is, however, that "sinners" are the very people we need most urgently to be reaching.

Jesus took time to teach every self-righteous Pharisee a lesson (verses 40-43). That lesson has not been applied often enough. He declared that it is the person who has been forgiven more who will love more.

How much do we love Jesus? Words alone do not provide sufficient evidence. Love is demonstrated in service, adoration, obedience,

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and worship. Perhaps we no longer see ourselves as having been in such dire need of the grace and forgiveness of Jesus. Perhaps we were saved when we were "good little boys and girls" and have forgotten that his grace and forgiveness were necessary even then to save us. Pharisees always seem to have trouble understanding grace. The peculiar sin of many "church folks" may be that they suffer spiritual blindness as a result of their own self-righteousness.

Jesus turned to the woman and told her, "Thy sins are forgiven" (verse 48). She was weeping and anointing his feet out of gratitude for his forgiveness. He had forgiven her sins prior to that occasion. Never assume that she was earning her forgiveness by a display of emotion. Emotion, even regret, never purchases forgiveness from God. To the contrary, apparently on some previous occasion she had met Jesus, acknowledged her sins, and repented of them. As a result, he had forgiven her. His statement here serves to reassure her

that her sins had been forgiven in the past and stand forgiven in the present.

Neither should we conclude that her sins were forgiven because she loved him much (verse 47). Rather, she is showing her love which is a result of her forgiveness. We are not forgiven because we are emotional, nor because we have warm regard for Jesus. We are forgiven because we confess our sin, turn from it, and cast ourselves on the mercy of God to forgive us.

The woman had exercised faith in Jesus (verse 50). That is how she had been saved. She relied upon him to do for her what she could not do for herself.

If you have received the forgiveness of Christ, how are you expressing your love to him? There are people around each of us who have serious spiritual needs. What better way to show our love and gratitude to Jesus for his forgiveness than to tell others of his desire to forgive them and bring wholeness to their lives?

Berry is pastor, First, McComb.

Pitfalls of pride: "pride goeth before destruction"

By J. Greg Martin

I Corinthians 4:18-5:8

Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." We all know that timeless verse is true.



Martin

However, I wonder how far a fall the writer is describing? Perhaps the answer depends on the magnitude of the haughty spirit. The church members at Corinth surely had fallen to a new spiritual low because of pride. They were "puffed up" (4:18, 19; 5:2). As a result of their arrogance, immorality was allowed in the church. Pride, like many sins, leads to more sin if it is not repented of. Paul warned that he was coming soon and hoped the problem would be corrected before he arrived. However, if the Corinthians forsook their responsibility, Paul was ready to deal with the problem when he got there.

The problem he addressed concerned a church member living in an incestuous situation. The report was more than a fleeting rumor. It was a fact (vs. 1). As a result of the church's tolerance, the testimony of God was hindered. Pride helped cripple the church's effectiveness. The church was too puffed up to deal with the problem.

Although God held the erring brother accountable for his sin, he also held the church responsible for not correcting the problem. Several times Paul mentioned the necessity of removing the immoral offender (5:2, 7, 9, 11, 13). Notice his counsel was "in the name of our Lord Jesus" (vs. 4).

The purpose for putting an immoral offender out of the church is twofold. It is to bring purity to the church and restoration to the erring brother. If sin is left unconfessed and unrepented of, it will spread like cancer and in-

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fect the entire body of Christ. In the same way that leaven affects the whole loaf of bread, individual sin eventually corrupts the entire church. Sin in an individual, as well as a church, needs to be dealt with in haste.

The Corinthian church was corrupted in its gospel witness. The members needed to turn to the Lord in humility to know how to deal with their problems. James (4:6) instructed his prideful readers to draw near to God because "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."

The attitude for the Corinthians needed to be mourning, not arrogance (vs. 2). They had not shed one tear over the erring brother's sin.

Do we get concerned about those who fail God? Their wickedness demands that we reach out and restore them in humility (vs. 2); love (John 13:35); gentleness (Galatians 6:1-2); and forgiveness (Matthew 18:15). Those of us who know the Lord and walk with him daily have a spiritual obligation to seek out those who have turned away from the Lord. Walking with Christ

mandates us to see our responsibility to reclaim the wayward.

A biblical example of the ministry of restoration can be seen in Barnabas' life (Acts 13:13; 14:36-41). When John Mark turned away from the Lord's work, Barnabas was there to encourage, heal, forgive, and give him a second chance. Paul, however, was less compassionate. Perhaps Paul was filled with pride. Barnabas, on the other hand, was willing to risk his good name for John Mark's sake. He was willing to associate with a kingdom quitter if it would help John Mark serve the Lord again. In II Timothy 4:14, we see that Paul later acknowledged the spiritual recovery of John Mark. This was not due to Paul's patience, but to Barnabas' humility and commitment to restoration.

Does pride ever keep us from being responsible believers? I daresay it is the root of all sorts of disobedience. God's will is for us to live in such a way that humbleness before him provokes us unto obedience to his word.

Martin is pastor, Commission Road Church, Long Beach.

Mississippi Baptist activities

Jan. 22 Baptist Men's Day (SBC/BRO Emphasis)
Jan. 23-24 Workshop on "Creative Small Group Leadership," Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville; Noon, 23rd-4 p.m., 24th (CT)
Jan. 26 Church Business Administrators Meeting; Woodland Hills BC, Jackson; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAPM)
Area Keyboard Festivals; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Harrisburg BC, Tupelo/FBC, Laurel/Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian/FBC, McComb/FBC, Vicksburg/Fairview BC, Columbus (CM)

Jan. 27 Area Keyboard Festivals; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Temple BC, Hattiesburg/FBC, Pascagoula (CM)
Jan. 27-28 Single Adult Winter Retreat; Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 7 p.m. 27th - 3 p.m., 28th (Fam. Min.-CT)
Jan. 27-28 ASSIST Training Institute; Colonial Heights BC, Jackson; 5 p.m., 27th-2 p.m., 28th (SS)
Jan. 28 Area Keyboard Festivals; 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Second BC, Greenville/Colonial Hills BC, Southaven/FBC, Jackson (CM)

Off the Record

Teacher: "Have you ever heard of Julius Caesar?"
Pupil: "Yes sir."
Teacher: "What do you think he would be doing now, if he were alive?"
Pupil: "Drawing an old-age pension"

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Parolee is arrested in missionary death

SAN ANGELO, Texas (BP) — San Angelo police have charged a 35-year-old parolee from Houston with murder in the Nov. 9 strangulation death of Mrs. Ona Jones.

Jerry Don Faye, 35, was arrested Dec. 20 on a burglary warrant in an unrelated case but gave a voluntary statement about the death of Mrs. Jones.

Faye is being held in Tom Green County Jail on charges of murder and burglary of two other habitations.

Mrs. Jones, 57, a retired Southern Baptist missionary who served 32 years in Zimbabwe, was found dead in her burning house at the Baptist Memorial Geriatric Center in San Angelo shortly before 3 a.m. Nov. 9.

Her husband, Sam, was away attending a Bible conference at Alto Frio Encampment.

At first it was thought she was a victim of the fire, but San Angelo fire investigators determined the blaze had been deliberately set and an autopsy revealed Mrs. Jones had been strangled to death.

Faye was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation following a Dec. 18 break-in of a house occupied by a 76-year-old woman, said Detective Robert Martinez, who had been investigating the Jones death.

Martinez said the murder charge would be reviewed by a grand jury in early January. Faye is being held in lieu of a \$450,000 bond.

"Let the Organ Be Silent" Day honors Pascagoula musician

First Church, Pascagoula recently honored Mrs. Iris L. Anderson on her twentieth anniversary as church organist. The church family proclaimed Jan. 8 as "Let the Organ Be Silent Day" in order for the church to realize the importance of the organ in worship. A reception was held at which Mrs. Anderson was presented with a gift from the church and a plaque commemorating her years of dedicated service. Dennis L. Johnsey is pastor, and Gary Anglin is minister of music.

John Rednour, left, chairman of the church's Personnel Committee, presented a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Anderson, right.



Names in the news



Two were honored for perfect attendance in Sunday School at Bethel Church, Poplarville. Pictured, are Tiffany Smith, 1 year and Emelda Jackson, 43 years.

Correction

The Jan. 12, 1989 Baptist Record stated that James Anderson Graves received a master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary on Dec. 16, and is serving at Hamburg Church, Hamburg. However, though he was ordained in the Hamburg Church at Roxie, Mississippi, he is now serving 750 miles from there in Conway Community Church, Salem, Indiana. He received the master of divinity in education degree.

Oak Grove Church, Smithdale, licensed James (Jack) Whittington in the morning service on Jan. 8. Whittington, a deacon, can be reached for supply at Rt. 1, Box 260, Smithdale, MS 39664, or call (601) 567-2276.

Fred McCoy, a full-time evangelist formerly based in Graceville, Fla., is now serving as staff evangelist at Northside Church, Warner Robins, Ga. He can be contacted at (912) 923-9892 (church) or (912) 953-9503.

Jethro Hosea Rochester, 96, of Byhalia, retired U.S. Postal Service employee, died Jan. 9 at a convalescent center in Memphis. He was a deacon emeritus of First Baptist Church, Byhalia, former moderator of the Marshall County Association, and past master and life member of the Masons. He was believed to be the oldest resident of Byhalia. He was widower of Sattie Crain Rochester. He leaves two sons, Crockett Rochester, Byhalia, and Bill Rochester, Walls; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Jan. 11 in Memphis.

James E. Messer, evangelist from Saraland, Ala. will conduct January Bible Study at Stanton Church, Natchez, Jan. 29-31. Studies will be at 7 p.m. on Mon. and Tues. nights. Steve Purvis is pastor.

Afghanistan, called the "Crossroads of Central Asia" is virtually unevangelized. There are several unreached peoples: 5.5 million Pushtuns; 2.7 million Tajiks; 530,000 Uzbeks; and 270,000 Hazaras.

Golden Gate confers degrees

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — In its annual mid-session commencement on Dec. 13, Golden Gate Seminary honored 49 students with degrees ranging from diploma in Christian ministries to doctor of ministry. More than half (63 percent) were from an ethnic background. One was from Mississippi.

Eddie Williamson of Jackson received the master of divinity degree. He is currently associate pastor of Balboa Baptist Church, 200 Onawdaga St., San Francisco, Calif., 94112; and is a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Salem, Collins, will hold dedication

Salem Church, Collins, will hold a dedication service for its renewed sanctuary on Jan. 22 at 11 a.m. and an Open House and Reception from 2-3:30 p.m.

The renovation included enlargement of choir loft. The foyer was redesigned to make additional seating in the sanctuary and a marble floor was added to the foyer. Eight stained glass windows were installed with oval medallions that picture the Life of Christ. A focal point in the church baptistry is a hand constructed dove. All lighting, sound, temperature and telephone controls were placed in a technical booth at the rear of the sanctuary and a new sound system was installed.

The renovation also included kitchen redecoration; rest room improvements; purchase of grand piano; and removal of the old steeple and replacement with a new steeple that is lighted.

The renovation goal of \$94,000 was reached on Dec. 18. Since that time almost \$5,000 more has been given for other church renovation projects.

The committee involved: Survey — Bill Morris, chairman, Hascal Collins, Gary Gibson, Gwen Keys Hitt, and Regina McQueen. Fund raising — W. C. (Whit) Whittington, chairman, Gwen Keys Hitt, Jerry Jones, Roanoke Keys, and Janet Rogers. Specifications/Renovation — Gary Gibson, chairman, Gwen Keys Hitt, Jerry Jones, Freddie Mathis, and Lynwood Williams. Assisting these committees were Ronald Bishop, pastor, and Mattie Lou Rogers, church secretary.

Hardy awards scholarship

Scholarships are awarded each year to ministerial students who are selected by the Ministerial Scholarship Committee of Hardy Church and approved by the membership. Applications are submitted to the four Baptist colleges — Clarke College, Mississippi College, William Carey College, and Blue Mountain College — and awards are made available on Jan. 1 of each year and can be applied to semester tuition credit chosen by the recipient.

This year the Committee has awarded a \$400 scholarship to Connie Marshall of Hardy. Connie is a freshman attending Clarke College, Newton. She is 19, and is pursuing an education in a Christian profession. She attends Hardy Baptist Church and is active in all phases of the church's services.

James T. England is Chairman, Scholarship Committee.

Devotional

Learning to love

By Weaver McCracken
I Corinthians 13

We are all moved and often overcome with a sense of compassion for the needy during the Christmas season. We sense the compassion of Christ in a special way and innately know that we, too, are called to care for others.

But how do we begin to care more for others and how can we make it last? Somehow the fires of concern are lost in the new year — along with new year's resolutions. All are too soon forgotten. But if we remember and struggle with obedience to God's call, in what new ways can we express his love to a lost and broken world?

Paul, writing to the Corinthian Christians, speaks clearly of God's love. He says that the life of faith is a life of action which reflects that faith (v. 1). Yet he is quick to also say that a life of self-denial and giving to the poor — of either body or spirit — without a relationship with them, an understanding of them, and true compassion for them is empty (v. 3).

Someone once said that the reason we don't hit our spiritual targets is that we never take aim. Growth as a Christian is like growing in other areas of life — you need to take aim and set goals if you hope to hit the target. Without a goal, it is hard to measure progress and find satisfaction. We set goals for ourselves in every other area of life. Why not set goals related to our spiritual life, too?

Let me suggest a few areas to consider in setting goals for 1989. You might think of these as possible real-life applications of I Corinthians 13.

FAITH — what commitments to Christ have been made and which of these have been forgotten — resolve to keep your word with God.

MINISTRY — how well are we finding places to minister outside of our "comfort zone" in the difficult places of life — find a challenging, new personal ministry for 1989.

RESOURCES — determine the difference in monthly spending for NEEDS versus WANTS — resolve to spend funds more responsibly for that which is really needed. Give more to God's work.

CONFLICTS — how well do we live by the principles of God's love, not harboring anger or bitterness against ANYONE — resolve to truly discover what it means to live by I Corinthians 13 in 1989.

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Staff changes

Gary C. Corbett has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Poplarville, moving from Pelahatchie Church, effective Jan. 1. Prior to Pelahatchie he pastored at Calvary Church, Smithdale. He has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board since 1986.



Corbett

Holly Church, Alcorn Association, has called Philip Cooper as pastor. He moved to Holly Church from Cornersville Church in Union County Association.

First Church, Tupelo, has called Bill Bustin, Jr., a Mississippi native, to serve as minister of youth and activities. He is moving from Camden, Ark.

Bi-vocational ministers to meet in N.O.

NEW ORLEANS — A South-Central Regional Bivocational Ministry Conference will be held at New Orleans Seminary, March 17-18.

Training sessions will include "Managing Conflict," "Preaching Bible Doctrines," "Pastoral Leadership Style," "Music in Worship," "The Role of the Minister's Wife," "Resources for Ministers of Music," and "Personal Growth for Ministers' Wives."

Cost will be \$10 per person or \$15 per couple (price includes a banquet on Friday evening). For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La., 70126, or call (504) 282-4455.

Rick Atwood, a senior at Mississippi College, has been called as pastor by Bethesda Church, Terry, and has been ordained by his home church, Lakeshore Church in Jackson. Atwood, a Jackson resident, was licensed also by Lakeshore Church.



Atwood

Jon Daniels began his ministry with Southside Church, Jackson, as minister of education and youth on Jan. 8. He moved there from First Church, Avondale, La., where he was minister of music and youth. Donald N. Bozeman is pastor.

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